

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY UNIT #15236 APO AP 96205-0009

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth United States Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth United States Army Command Policy #12 – Domestic Abuse

## 1. REFERENCES.

- a. ALARACT 078/2006, Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse, DTG: 102005Z APR 06.
  - b. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 MAY 06.
- c. DOD Directive-Type Memorandum, Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestice Abuse, 22 JAN 06.
  - d. DOD 6025.18-R, DOD Health Information Privacy Regulation, JAN 03.
- 2. PURPOSE. To provide guidance and establish policy to promote a command climate that encourages victims to report incidents of domestic abuse without fear, retribution or intimidation within Eighth United States Army.
- 3. BACKGROUND. The Army is fully committed to ensuring victims of domestic abuse are protected; treated with dignity and respect; and provided support, advocacy, and care. While the Army policy prefers personnel report all suspected cases of domestic abuse promptly to activate victim services and accountability actions, the requirement for all domestic abuse incidents to be reported can represent a barrier for victims who might require medical and victim services without command or law enforcement response.

## 4. DISCUSSION.

- a. I expect commanders, supervisors, and leaders at every level, military, civilian, and contractors to take responsibility for both the prevention of and appropriate corrective action in eliminating domestic abuse. Victims of domestic abuse have two reporting options from which to choose. These options are Unrestricted and Restricted reporting. Leaders will not preclude or hinder personnel from using either channel.
- (1) <u>Unrestricted Reporting</u> Allows a victim of domestic abuse to report the incident to any of the domestic abuse service providers: Area Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM), FAP Victim Advocate, Health Care providers (HCP), Chaplains, Chain of Command, Military Law Enforcement and CID or any member of the command. The victim will receive medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of his/her allegation. Details of the incident will be released only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

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- (2) <u>Restricted Reporting</u> Allows a victim of domestic abuse to confidentially disclose the details of his/her situation to specified individuals only and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering an official investigation or notifying the chain of command. To exercise this option, the victim may only report their domestic abuse to a FAPM, FAP Victim Advocate, HCP or Chaplain.
- b. No incident of domestic abuse will be tolerated. It destroys good order and discipline, which violates the Army values we uphold as Warriors of Character. Our Soldiers, civilians, and their families are our most valuable asset and the cornerstones to our readiness in Korea.
- 5. PROPONENT. The Eighth United States Army ACofS G1 is the proponent for this policy. The POC can be contacted at commercial 011-822-7914-3496 or DSN 315-724-3496.

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